

City of Milwaukee
Meeting Minutes – DRAFT
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN TASK FORCE

Caressa Givens, Chair
Kevin Kuschel (DCD), Vice-Chair
Mitchell Henke, Montavius Jones, Claude Krawczyk,
Nicholas La Joie, Daniel Roufus (MPD), Cinthia Téllez, Andy Tillman

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Wednesday, May 5, 2021

4:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

1. Meeting commenced at 4:32 PM.

Members Present 7 – Givens, Henke, Jones, Kuschel, Krawczyk, La Joie, Téllez

Members Excused 2 – Roufus, Tillman

Other Attendees – Mike Amsden (DPW), Kathy Brengosz (Legislative Reference Bureau), Danitra (guest), Erika Joslin (guest), Megan O'Connor (DPW), Alexis Nehmer (guest), Jake Newborn (guest), Brian Peters (guest), Rebecca Rabatin (DOA-ADA Coordinator), Robert Schneider (guest), Ted Tousman (guest), TMJ4 (guest), Marcia Zalenski (guest), Bill Zalenski (guest), 2 guests joined by phone

2. Approval of Minutes from April meeting

Motion to approve minutes for April 2021 meeting was approved (Motion: Givens; Second: La Joie)

3. Presentation from guest speaker Megan O'Connor (DPW Support for Business Liaison) related to the Support for Business program as it relates to City of Milwaukee Major Projects

Givens introduced O'Connor. O'Connor provided background of her career at the City of Milwaukee and an overview of the Support for Business program within the Department of Public Works (DPW) Infrastructure Division and Major Projects group. O'Connor also shared a few example projects and websites. She also provided context for how her role fits within other community engagement activities undertaken by DPW.

Jones asked whether O'Connor works exclusively with business owners or also residents and community groups. O'Connor mentioned the program focuses on business owners, but she's working on developing more relationships with residents and community groups. Téllez asked whether there are any ongoing spaces where residents can provide feedback. O'Connor said she would prefer to walk projects and meet with folks face-to-face but COVID-19 has presented some challenges. She offered that she would be happy to attend any spaces if the group has suggestions. Givens asked whether O'Connor coordinates with the Department of City Development (DCD). O'Connor noted that she does and the coordination is getting better (citing the Teutonia Ave reconstruction project and DCD Commercial Corridors team as examples). Givens also asked how the Bicycle & Pedestrian Task Force (BPTF) could support her work. O'Connor noted that she could keep the Chair involved and periodically present to the task force.

4. Exercise related to finalizing a Mission & Vision for the task force

Kuschel provided a recap of previous exercises and facilitated a Jamboard exercise to group various themes under the categories of causes, actions, and impacts of the task force. Discussions and themes included:

- *Causes: Outreach/Stakeholders, Policy, Government Body, BPTF serving as an intermediate between Stakeholders and Government Body*
- *Actions: Proactive vs. Reactive, Outreach, Passive Action vs. Direct Action*
- *Impacts: Establish the task force as a relevant resource and valued partner for Common Council*

The exercise will continue at the June BPTF meeting.

5. Discussion related to Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force subcommittees and protocol

Givens announced that she's seeking interest and feedback from task force members interested in participating in subcommittees. Group discussed possible subcommittee structures and topics.

6. Update on the 30th Street Corridor Trail project and current events

Givens provided an update on the following items:

- *Milwaukee Safe & Healthy Streets just released agenda and registration for the 2021 Community Justice Through Safe & Healthy Streets Summit. Learn more and register [here](#).*
- *DPW and Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers hosting a public open house for the Washington/Scott Bike Boulevard on 5/8/21 at 10:00 AM at 2100 W Scott St*
- *Montavius Jones awarded America Walks fellowship for Walking College*
- *Givens and Kuschel had a good conversation with Cheryl Blue (30th Street Industrial Corridor Corp) regarding the proposed rail with trail. Blue offered to keep BPTF involved as conversations regarding the future of a trail.*

Krawczyk noted a positive meeting he had with e-scooter operators as a member of the Downtown Neighborhood Association.

Téllez announced SSCHC's Latinos por Salud summer weekly community walking and biking clubs begin in June:

- *Burnham Park Walking Club, Every Tuesday, starting 6/1 at 6 PM, Meet at 35th & Burnham*
- *Active Streets Walking & Biking Club, Every Wednesday, starting 6/2 at 6 PM, Meet at 9th & Washington*
- *Walking in the Plaza & in Pulaski Park, Every Thursday, starting 6/3 at 6 PM; Meet at 16th & Harrison*
- *Hank Aaron State Trail Walking & Biking Club, Every Saturday, starting 6/5 at 8:30 AM, Meet at Mitchell Domes Parking Lot*

More information can be found [here](#).

7. Meeting adjourned at 6:07 PM (Motion: Givens; Second: Kuschel)

A recording of the meeting can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/JGvzifd8Cbc>

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